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1. The following Soviet patrol boats were in the port of Constanta:

   a. On 18 February 1950 at 1445 hours, No. 765 arrived from an apparently routine patrol.

   b. On 20 February, at 1530 hours, three other Soviet patrol boats entered from a routine patrol. They came in a type of file formation, No. 766 in the lead, a boat without any number in the middle, and No. 499 bringing up the rear. Each boat was armed with one 50 mm. caliber machine gun. The leading patrol boat began to signal by semaphore to the Russian Signaling Station, the former Cuibul Reginei.

   c. These patrol boats tied up in the former yacht basin, near the boat hangar. All were painted battleship-gray. Attached hereto is a sketch of the flags and pennants hoisted by these boats.

2. Soviet tankers were entering and leaving Constanta at the rate of one every twenty-four hours. They enter in the afternoon, load oil all night and sail out the next morning. All the tankers are good-sized. The following Soviet tankers were observed by source:

   a. MS JOSIF STALIN, formerly the URAL, 7745 gross tons, 3987 net tons, twin screw, built in 1932 at Nicolaev, length 445 feet. This tanker came in on 19 February, at 1115 hours, and sailed fully-loaded on 20 February, at 0700 hours.

   b. Another unidentified Soviet tanker sailed early in the morning of 19 February, fully-loaded.

   c. In addition the tankers listed above, two Russian liberty ships were observed bunkering in the oil basin. The first arrived early on the morning of 18 February, took on oil and sailed on the same day. This ship was unidentified. The second liberty ship, the KAMENETS PODOLSK, arrived around noon on 20 February and immediately commenced bunkering.

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